

May 1, 1874

Major John B. Jones (1834-1881)

Born in So. Carolina, came to Republic of TX in 1837. Educated at Old Baylor and Antlersville where students had to defend the school from Indian attacks.

In Civil War (1861-65), served with Terry's Texas Rangers and Speight's Texas Inf. Battalions. Was appointed (May 1, 1874) by Governor Richard Coke, to organize and fill the Frontier Battalion, Texas Rangers. Duties

was to stop Indian depredations, bandit raids from Mexico and lawlessness that resulted from Federal Reconstruction. He once put 6 Ranger Companies at Frontier Post 150 mi apart. In first 6 mos patrolled 22,250 miles.

Defeated Indians in numerous engagements brought end to violent outbreaks including the Mason Co. War; Horrell - Higgins Feud; Kimble Co. Trouble; El Paso Salt War. In 1878 brought to justice Sam Bass gang & train & bank robbers. In 1880 & 81 directed tracking down and capturing Victoria's Apache Indian. Buried Austin, TX